

May 31, 2006

TO: Interested Parties and Stakeholders

FROM: Allen Spaulding, Rules Coordinator

SUBJECT: Hospital Licensing Rules, Chapter 246-320 WAC – Public Meeting Notice

I am writing to remind you of the upcoming June 21, 2006 hospital rules project meeting and to update you concerning the hospital rules project comment period.

The Department will conduct another public meeting to collect suggestions and input from parties who are interested in the revision of the hospital rules, Chapter 246-320 WAC. The purpose of the meeting will be to address comments on proposed changes to the operational and construction rules. The meeting will take place as follows:

June 21, 2006, **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
SeaTac Marriot Hotel – Salon Rooms A and B
3201 South 176th Street
SeaTac, Washington 98188
Hotel Phone: 1-800-228-9290, (206) 241-2000
FAX Number: (206) 444-6882

The meeting will be led by an independent professional facilitator. The facilitator will lead the discussion, so that DOH staff can listen and understand the participants' perspectives concerning comments on the proposed changes.

To date, we have received comments on 26 proposals contained in the Report on Proposals. To view these and future comments, please log onto

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/fsl/ruledevelop/246-320.htm> Following the June 7, 2006 cut-off date for comments, we will prepare and make available the draft Report on Comments on the website listed above. This report will serve as the agenda for the June 21, 2006 meeting. At that meeting, the facilitator will lead a discussion of each of the comments in the report and will solicit comments and suggested modifications from the participants. Department staff will record all suggestions and modifications for consideration by the Department.

The Department's intention for holding the meeting is to assess the participants' level of support for each comment, on proposed changes. The facilitator will ask participants to indicate one of three levels of support:

1. **I support this comment as submitted** and suggest that DOH include it in the rule revision.

2. **I support this comment with** the following **modifications**, and I suggest that DOH include the modified proposal in the rule revision.
3. **I do not support this comment** in principle or with modification, and would like DOH to exclude it from the rule revision.

Thank you and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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